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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, February 4, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	04/15/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Fran Franklin, Professional Member, Presiding
Pat Bailey, AFSCME Council 81
Sandra Bisgood, Public Member
Amber Hall, Office of Management and Budget
Kerry Ferriter, Office of the Public Defender
Ray Fitzgerald, Department of Health and Social Services
Ron Hosterman, Department of Correction
Vicky Kelly, Division of Family Services
Rochelle Mason, Professional Member
Dr. Marlene Saunders, Delaware State University
Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member
John Shuford, NASW

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Yen-Anh Gibson, Public Member
Kyla Teed, Public Member
Philip Thompson, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Cassandra Davis, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Zaira Davis, NASW
Leticia Howell, Division of Youth Rehabilitative Services
Ashley Rice, Office of Management and Budget

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Franklin called the meeting to order at 12:03 a.m.

The members of the Legislative Committee introduced themselves for the record.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Multi-Level Licensure

Dr. Franklin explained the reasoning of the proposal to the members of the Legislative Committee.

Discussion Regarding Licensure Exemption for State Employees

Mr. Fitzgerald voiced his concerns regarding the proposal. As it stands now, his current employees would not meet the proposed requirements. He feels as though the proposed requirements may affect long term hiring or retaining employees.

Ms. Ferriter inquired as to how the Board plans to implement the proposal. Ms. Kelly advised the Legislative Committee that once a new statute is signed, there is a window of time for the Board to promulgate rules and regulations.

Mr. Hosterman is concerned with the proposed statute conflicting with Title 11§6502. Dr. Franklin stated that some skills used in Social Work overlap on other professions.

Mr. Fitzgerald suggested that language be drafted exempting individuals who practice some of the social work skills, but are not Social Workers.

Discussion Regarding Multi-Level Licensure

Mr. Shuford advised the Legislative Committee that 87% of States currently have title protection and they did not suffer from a financial impact. Mr. Shuford provided the Legislative Committee with statistical information regarding title protection. He suggested that the Board consider changing their statute back to strictly title protection, which he believes the proposed statute will do.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the public needs to be protected from individuals who are holding themselves out to be a social worker or are practicing social work without the proper education or license.

Discussion Regarding Licensure Exemption for State Employees

Ms. Ferriter suggested that the State's classification system for employment be reviewed. The job classifications are available on the State's website.

Discussion Regarding Multi-Level Licensure

Ms. Scott-Cobb believes that individuals, who are obtaining supervision for the required social work experience, should only receive supervision from Social Workers. Mr. Fitzgerald supported Ms. Scott-Cobb's suggestion, stating that if a job requires a Master's degree or a particular education, the supervision acquired should only be conducted by a LCSW.

Mr. Shuford suggested that the Board reconsider the proposal in regards to how many times an applicant can take the exam. He feels as though an applicant should be able to attempt to pass the exam twice before they are required to reapply. Ms. Kelly advised Mr. Shuford that an applicant has two years to pass the examination, and if the applicant does not pass the exam within the two year period, they will have to reapply for Board approval.

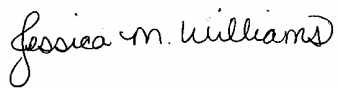
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Scott-Cobb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mason, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners